Celebration! Used up all second-hand ribbons and had to use a brand new one!

Before the TV news at midday goes on, partial response to yours including letter 1/7. I'm behind in everything, a bit kore from having to spend all of yesterday and this a.m. on response to State's "Answer" in Ray case.

amn! This new ribbon also rides up. The local CBS TV station has its own reporter at the WG trial so I want to ake the news in. More on the developments when I've time. It all figures easily.

On the customary STring: good question for which I have no definitive answer. When they were arrested, if I recall correctly, it was identified as Hunt's passport. It was not new to me that Fiorini had it on him. What was new is that turnin was required. Hell, OSS never lifted my credentials, platisc-picture building pass, etc. Frankly, I did not have my mind in the ST condition and I missed the possibilities of two men having fake passports in the same name, Hamilton being known as Hunt's, again if I recall correctly. (What will now be missing is whether Hunt used this passport recently, as in going to Mexico, where one of the three ways of going and staying is with a passport. Hunt was there within this period, with an LA lawyer, according to recent stories.)

You take a too rigid view of my sense of using authoritarianism. I do not mean an organized fascism. I mean an Ameriform one. No gas chambers, goose-stepping, none of the usual trappings. I mean a gradual conversion of the administration of the country and a fixing of controls by other, non-violent means, with the probability of violence, if needed, triggered so that in its repression and suppression more and more of the usual steps of authoritarianism are established. I went into this in COUP back in 1938, and my emotions, on seeing it come to pass, are mixed. I'm not happy. One visible example of how now is the spidering of the Nixonminded into next-to-top positions in the agencies and departments. The heads will be figureheads.

Nothing need be done to the military. No national police as such is needed. The required files are already duplicated, so that function of a national police does not require action.

Another factor now will be Nixonian failure, for if he has any scheme, it can't work and there will be trouble(s). VN is still unclear. I find it hard to imagine him backing down, ditto for them. Maybe this is what he really wants and wanted all along. Thus I can't follow you on something specific happening in October. I think he did what he planned all along, with the only possible departure from script being the MVN disclosure/ultimatum, which required Henry's troublesome improvisation. I don't think Henry was party to it.

So, any troubles means more authoritarianism. Those who do something about it will be taken care of. (Remember in my note to LF I said there was no need to take the chicago 7 case to the Supreme Court because the Constitutionality was established and that, not Yippie blood, was the intent of the prosecution.)

Hunt: the judge's seeming severity is window-dressing. Hunt will be out promptly enoughand the outrage of increasing bond means nothing because he won't have to pay it anyway. This hack judge is doing all he can for mistrial, reversal or compelling guilty pleas, which keeps administration off the hook. Right now my belief is that the only one who may give trouble is Liddy. He has to worry about disbarrment. As of now, with his exceptions, I can conceive of no trial. There may be a limit to the damage he can do it he uptights it. Seems like co-defendants taken by surprise by Hunt's move, and his saying the charges against the others are substantially correct seems to be a departure from what I'd have expected of him. However, in the position in which he is, his choices are severely limited.

Too early to be certain about anything except that the administration will do all it can to protect the administration. Hasty reading of the prosecution's opening statement, as reported, indicates it seems to have identified fewer witnesses than it would seem to require, in the statement or the list of proposed witnesses. The cause of Hunt't h gard look is now more apparent and need have no connection with his wife's tragic death.

Howard, who is still here, read you letter with thanks and appreciation. He also gets the Sunday Times and is aware of your interests and that you don't get it.

He has my foundations files and will be working on them. The promised index of the part JP had has not appeared. Howard is doing it all separately and with all the files we can now find, which need not be all....He gets the Sundat Times often and knows of your interests.

Best,